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LB 872, 882, 964, 965, 1002

years they were exempt, then they were put back on. This clarifies it. Then on personal property they would be exempt and this would move 882 on to Final and let it be settled there. 965 is straightening out the litter bill, we don't need to go into that, anyway some corrections that needed to be made in the litter bill. Well...964, a simple constitutional amendment that says we are going to come back next year and redo the tax system and that we got some obligations to cut down on property tax some way or another and we are going to do it, mandate it by the people to do it. 1002, I am striking the Vickers' amendment. Tom probably won't like it but the doggone thing is going to be vetoed. I think we might as well process it and this would process it and move it forward. 872, and the committee amendments there, those are just the constitutional officers, something I think should be processed, move it on. These are the log jams. These are the logs that are blocking everything. I believe if you pass this, got these things rolling, each of which you could reconsider, each of which you could deal with later but at least it gets it moving, get the logs rolling down the stream. Then you could deal with some of the other things on General File. As I said, I don't think this stands any chance but nobody is ever going to say that you didn't have the opportunity to try to straighten her out and make her go because you do. Each one of these is the major log jam. That is about all.

SPEAKER MARVEL: Senator Fowler.

SENATOR FOWLER: Mr. President, I had handed out an alternative motion that may be on your desk but I decided not to offer it because I don't think it is really probably the way we should deal with issues. It looks very similar to Senator DeCamp, has a little S.F. in the upper right hand corner and lists some bills, repeal the food sales tax, standard of need, public radio, a few things like that that I think have been maybe the log jams but as I heard Senator DeCamp give his talk I decided that really I wouldn't offer it, in fact, that I would rise to defend both the Legislature and this legislative session and Senator DeCamp rattles off a list of issues that he says must be addressed. I really can't disagree with that list and, in fact, those issues are now on Select File. The question of lids is on Select File. State aid is on Select File. Personal property tax is on Select File. Homestead exemption is on Select File. Other bills of major importance are there. The budget bills all except one, have been passed but I think maybe rather than saying we didn't get anything done this session we ought to look how far we have come in sixty days. Now a